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SUBJECT: UNESCO: NEWS AGENCY CONFERENCE IN STOCKHOLM

1. DURING JANUARY 31 MEETING WITH DELOFF, UNESCO'S
"FREE FLOW" CHIEF, HAMDY KANDIL SAID THAT COMMUNICATIONS
SECTOR MAY CONTRIBUTE AROUND FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS TO
STOCKHOLM NEWS AGENCY SYMPOSIUM (APRIL 24-27), WHICH
WILL IMMEDIATELY PRECEED MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COM-
MISSION FOR STUDY OF COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS (ICSCP).

2. UNESCO HAS ASKED THAT STOCKHOLM NEWS AGENCY
SYMPOSIUM DEVOTE AT LEAST ONE SESSION TO "NEWS
TRANSMISSION RATES," WITH EXPECTATION THAT A WORKING
GROUP WILL BE FORMED TO CONSIDER QUESTION AND MAKE
PRESENTATION TO SYMPOSIUM. POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR
WORKING GROUP'S DELIBERATIONS, IT SEEMS, WILL BE A
WORKING DOCUMENT CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED BY DIRECTOR
OF INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION. WE WILL TRY
TO OBTAIN A COPY ONCE IT IS FORWARDED TO SECRETARIAT.

3. FROM ANOTHER SOURCE, PERMDEL HAS LEARNED THAT
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WAS FOUND UNWILLING TO DEFRAY FULL
COSTS OF NEWS AGENCY SYMPOSIUM AND THE ICSCP.
APPARENTLY, A SOLUTION IS BEING NEGOTIATED WITH
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SECRETARIAT WHICH INCLUDES POSSIBILITY OF SOLICITING
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES. COMMUNICATION
SECTOR'S FOUR THOUSAND DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION (PARA. L
ABOVE) PROBABLY REPRESENTS SECRETARIAT EFFORT AT
HELPING TO DEFRAY EXPENSES.
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